

Approved Meeting Minutes - 7/13/06

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

JUNE 8, 2006

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at the Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, 45 Highland Avenue, was called to order at 6:55 PM, by Chairman Paul Neves, with the following present:

Paul Neves, Chairman, Arthur DaCosta, Clerk, Rosa Crowley, Linda Teel, Earl T. Wood

Also Present: Donna A. Morelle, Ed.D., Superintendent; Joseph A. Rotella, Esq., Director of Administration

Tardy: Donald J. Costa, Vice Chair, Robert C. Thibodeau

I. Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by committee members.

II. Approval of Agenda - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the agenda without Mr. Costa and Mr. Thibodeau.

III. Chairperson's Report - The Chair noted tonight's meeting had been changed due to the town's Finance Committee meeting on the budget.

IV. Comments from the Public - None.

V. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Rules & Regulations - Mr. DaCosta reported meeting to review the Wellness policy and the Use of School Facilities policy.

B. Finance Committee

1. Payment of Invoices - On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the payment of invoices in the amount of \$58,199.56, without Mr. Costa and Mr. Thibodeau.

2. Award of Bids

a. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the bid for General Education Supplies 2006-2007 to various vendors per the bid tabulation in the amount of \$49,417.48, without Mr. Costa and Mr. Thibodeau. It was noted \$51,133.58 was spent in '05-'06.

b. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the bid for medical supplies 2006-2007 to various vendors per bid tabulation not to exceed \$7,917.08, without Mr. Costa and Mr. Thibodeau. It was noted \$9,872.84 was spent in '05-'06.

Cumberland School Committee

June 8, 2006/Minutes -2-

c. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the bid for printing supplies 2006-2007 to various vendors per bid tabulation not to exceed \$12,733.45, without Mr. Costa and Mr. Thibodeau. \$11,697.53 was spent in '05-'06.

d. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the bid for cleaning of boilers 2006-2008-2009 by Commercial Heating, Cumberland, per bid tabulation, without Mr. Costa and Mr. Thibodeau. This is a three year bid, effective July 1st.

e. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the bid for computer printer supplies 2006-2007 to various vendors per the bid tabulation, not to exceed \$27,333.10, without Mr. Costa and Mr. Thibodeau. \$21,848.92 was spend in '05-'06.

f. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the renewal of the bid by Digital Support (Tech Team), not to exceed \$29,214.44, without Mr. Costa and Mr. Thibodeau.

g. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the bid for copier paper 2006-07 fiscal year to W.B. Mason in the amount of \$52,159.75, without Mr. Costa and Mr. Thibodeau.

h. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the bid for AESOP web based attendance reporting and sub calling to Frontline Placement Technologies, Malvern, PA, not to exceed \$9,982.50, without Mr. Costa and Mr. Thibodeau. It was noted the cost was reduced by using the bid solicitation issued by Lincoln Public Schools. The Superintendent explained the service.

Mr. Neves relinquished the Chair to Mr. DaCosta and temporarily left the dias.

i. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE the increase in lunch prices for elementary from \$1.50 to \$1.75, for middle from \$1.75 to \$2.00 and for high from \$1.75 to \$2.00, without Mr. Costa, Mr. Thibodeau and Mr. Neves. It was explained this would be necessary to avoid a deficit.

Mr. DaCosta returned the Chair to Mr. Neves.

j. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the renewal of the food service contract with Sodexho for 2006-2007, without Mr. Costa and Mr. Thibodeau.

Cumberland School Committee

VI. Consent Agenda - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE combining the Consent Agenda A through F, without Mr. Costa and Mr. Thibodeau.

On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED

5-0 TO APPROVE the Consent Agenda, without Mr. Costa and Mr. Thibodeau.

A. Police Report

B. Truancy Report

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Open Session: 5/11/06, 5/25/06

2. Executive Session: 5/11/06, 5/25/06

D. Facilities Report

E. Enrollment Report

F. Personnel Recommendations

VII. Old Business

A. Building Committee Update - The Superintendent reported the committee had approved the Fine and Performing Arts area and the Science Wing. KBA is now working on the cafeteria and servery. There with be a meeting this Monday for an overview.

Mr. Thibodeau's arrival is noted at 7:20 p.m.

Mr. Wood reported that 3.5 building committee has approved drawings for JJM/Cumberland Hill and Ashton and KBA is now doing a cost analysis. They are meeting this Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's conference room. Mr. Wood also reported that an additional matching grant had been received for Tucker Field in the amount of \$300,000.

B. Search Committee Update - The Superintendent reported she hoped to have a recommendation at the next meeting for positions of Assistant Superintendent, Principal at B.F. Norton and the Assistant Principals at the High School.

C. School Community Relations Policy - 2nd Reading - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was voted 6-0 to approve waiving the reading of the policy, without Mr. Costa. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the School Community Relations Policy as presented at the first reading, without Mr. Costa. Mr. Rotella noted there were no changes in the policy from the first reading.

Cumberland School Committee

June 8, 2006/Minutes -4-

VIII. New Business

A. Presentation on Middle School Proposals for 2006-2007 - The Superintendent reported that Mr. Kenworthy had made the same presentation to the faculty at NCMS and Mr. Pires had done so at McCourt Middle School. Mr. Kenworthy explained they are ready to enact the changes for the middle school level. Mr. Pires explained how professional development has allowed the implementation of new best practices for middle level reform that was planned by the Department of Education. The Superintendent noted the professional development has been budgeted and some costs will be from the principals' requests. She emphasized that equity at both schools is critical. Dr. Morelle also noted she has been working with the CTA on any union issues. The consensus of the committee was that a formal vote wasn't necessary to move forward. Mr. McGarry commented that he would like a formal vote. Ms. Brady noted while there were teachers present, there were a lot of teacher that were unable to be at the meeting to show support.

B. 2006-2007 Budget Update - The Superintendent noted that she hoped she had made a compelling argument at the budget hearing for full funding. The Chair commended Dr. Morelle on the presentation and noted they would have to take 3.6 million dollars out of the budget if the town passes the Mayor's budget.

C. Use of School Facilities Policy - Annual Review and Revision - Mr. DaCosta noted the Rules & Regulations subcommittee had recommended the following changes to the policy:

- Movies picture entertainment for which admission is charged is not permitted in school buildings.

- The following rates:

Art Room \$45

Auditorium (sound/lighting included) \$85

Band Room \$55

Cafeteria \$50

Classroom \$30 (up to 4)

\$15 (ea. additional)

Classroom (air conditioned) \$35 (up to 4)

\$20 (ea. additional)

Open Concession Stand \$30

Field (soccer) \$20

Football Field (w/lights) \$60

Gym (wood floor excluding Wellness Center) \$70

Kitchen \$75

Lecture Hall \$55

Media Center \$50

Cumberland School Committee

June 8, 2006/Minutes -5-

Multi-Purpose Room \$50

Pool \$125

Wellness Center

Left Practice Court \$70

Right Practice Court \$70

Center Court w/Bleachers \$200

Custodian Only Fee \$25.65/hr

On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the Use of School Facilities Policy revisions, without Mr. Costa.

D. Recalls - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE tabling recalls, without Mr. Costa.

IX. Superintendent's Report - None.

X. Comments from the Public - None.

XI. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports) - None.

On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE recessing Open Session at 8:00 p.m. to attend the Town Finance Committee meeting, without Mr. Costa. Open Session was reconvened at 10:14 p.m. Mr. Costa's arrival is noted. The departure of Ms. Crowley and Mr. Thibodeau is noted.

XII. Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion and/or Action Items Referred to in GLRI 42-46-5

A. Personnel Matters - Exception (1)

1. CTA/ICSE

B. Negotiations/Litigation - Exception (2)

1. CTA/ICSE

2. Central Administrators' Contracts

3. Non-Contractual Salaries

Mr. DaCosta made a motion to recess to Executive Session. Mr. Costa provided a second. On a roll call vote, it was VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE recessing Open Session at 10:15 p.m., without Ms. Crowley, Ms. Teel, Mr. Thibodeau.

Open Session was reconvened at 10:46 p.m. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Costa, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE sealing the Executive Session minutes, without Ms. Crowley and Mr. Thibodeau.

Cumberland School Committee

June 8, 2006/Minutes -6-

XIII. Adjournment - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Costa, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE adjourning the meeting at 10:47 p.m., without Ms. Crowley and Mr. Thibodeau.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Harris

Recording Secretary

Approved by the School Committee 7/13/06